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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 98,714)

In re Application of:)
David Baunoch, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/212,367) Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed : December 15, 1998) Examiner: R. Gitomer
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF)
TISSUE SAMPLES)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims, to show all the changes, is attached hereto on pages separate from the amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1. (Amended) An apparatus for automatically reprocessing a specimen from an infiltrating medium to an aqueous fluid comprising in combination: